

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 NSC-05 PM-05 DODE-00 CIAE-00  
INR-10 NSAE-00 SS-15 L-03 AID-05 MCE-00 TRSE-00  
OMB-01 ACDA-12 EB-08 PA-01 /088 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:BEPERCIVAL:JES  
APPROVED BY NEA:PWLANDE, ACTING  
NSC:TTHORNTON (PHONE)  
EUR:PGOODMAN

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R 061522Z APR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 088349

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IN, SW

SUBJECT:INDIAN PURCHASES OF VIGGEN

REF: STATE 77925

INDIAN DCM GOKHALE, AT DINNER WITH THORNTON (NSC), SAID  
THAT HE BELIEVED GOI WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER-  
ING PURCHASE OF VIGGEN AIRCRAFT, BUT ONLY MAINTAINING CON-  
TACTS WITH GOS. THIS OPINION WAS EXPRESSED IN RESPONSE  
TO THORNTON'S SUGGESTION THAT SINCE WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT  
APPROVE SALE OF VIGGEN TO INDIA, AWKWARD SITUATION WOULD  
BE AVOIDED IF GOI REFRAINED FROM PURSUING VIGGEN OPTION.  
THORNTON ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO  
AGAIN REJECT PAKISTANI REQUEST FOR A-7S IF INDIANS ACQUIRED  
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## Message Attributes

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